

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**Colorado River WS - All Lands/Wildlife/Riparian**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Colorado River WS - All Lands/Wildlife/Riparian		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project improve habitat for a wildlife species currently categorized as a State or Federal T&E species, Federal Candidate or Proposed species, or State Species of Concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Identify the primary type of wildlife habitat the project will maintain, enhance or restore. Only answer one of the questions 1a. -1c. yes as appropriate.	
1. a. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore sagebrush-steppe, riparian, mountain shrub, or coldwater stream habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore wetland, pasture and hayland, warmwater stream or pond habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore pinyon-juniper, deciduous-coniferous woodland, or cropland habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Identify the primary wildlife species the project is targeted to improve habitat for. If the project is not targeted for wildlife habitat improvement but the primary objective is to improve riparian condition in general answer these questions no. Only answer one of the questions 2a. - 2c. yes as appropriate.	
2. a. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently categorized as a State species of concern, State candidate species, or Federal candidate species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently categorized as a Federal threatened species, Federal Endangered species, State threatened species, or State Endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for one of the following species: pheasant; Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep; desert bighorn sheep; pronghorn; elk, mule deer; trout; mountain white fish; or turkey.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Identify partners other than NRCS and the participant that are contributing money (not in-kind) to the project. Only answer one of the questions 3a.-3c. yes as appropriate.	
3. a. Are there at least 3 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Are there only 2 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

3. c. Is there only 1 partner (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
The measured improvement in wildlife habitat or riparian condition by application of the contracted practices.. Only answer one of questions 4a. - 4f. yes as appropriate. For projects with a primary objective to improve species for a particular targeted wildlife specie(s) answer questions 4a. -4c. as appropriate. For projects with a primary objective to in general, improve riparian health and functionality answer questions 4d.- 4.f. as appropriate.	
4. a. Will implementation of the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of .5 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .3 and .49 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .1 and .29 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Will the project improve riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of 5 or greater? (This is the change in score from current condition to planned condition)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. e. Will the project improve riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of 3 to 4.9? (This is the change in score from current condition to planned condition)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. f. Will the project improve riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of 1 to 2.9? (This is the change in score from current condition to planned condition)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Establishment and maintenance of native vegetation.	
5. Do the contracted practices establish (plantings) and maintain native vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Livestock management.	
6. a. Will the participant implement a prescribed grazing plan funded with this contract that will result in improvement of the riparian and/or wildlife habitat condition on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Will the contracted practices provide livestock water outside of the riparian area, or, provide limited access to water with the use of water gaps and/or stream crossings designed to limit livestock access to streambanks?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>